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Statement of Faculty Senate Action:

APC Document 11 (IST/ESI):

**Revise Requirements for IST Concentration in
Ethics and Social Institutions**

Effective Date: Fall 2018

1. Delete: On p. 195, the requirements for the concentration in Ethics and Social Institutions in Interdisciplinary Studies:

- I. Required courses for the major—21 hours, including: ESI 101, 490; ECON 101 or 102; PHIL 200; POLS 220 or 281; ANTH 100 or SOC 100.
- II. Research methods—6-8 hours. Complete one of the following groups: (a) STAT 185 and ECON 365; or (b) POLS 220, 281 and 290; or (c) ANTH 225 or SOC 225, and either ANTH 336 or SOC 338.
- III. Elective program—18 hours approved by the ESI coordinator. In consultation with the major advisor, students will design an elective program organized around a theme in Ethics and Social Institutions. No more than 9 of these credit hours may come from any one department. Courses must come from at least three different departments, and at least 15 of the 18 elective hours must be at the 300-level or above.
- IV. Other concentration requirements—Major and oral competencies are met by successful completion of ESI 490 with a grade of C or higher. At least 28 of the total required hours must be taken while a student at UNCA. Students seeking a double major may count only 9 credit hours from the other major toward an ESI concentration. None of a student's credit hours earned for a declared minor can be counted toward an ESI concentration.

Add: On p. 195, in place of deleted entry:

- I. Required courses for the major—21 hours, including: ESI 101, 490; ECON 101 or 102; PHIL 200; POLS 220 or 281; ANTH 100 or SOC 100.
- II. Research methods—7-8 hours. Complete one of the following groups: (a) STAT 185 and ECON 365; or (b) POLS 220, 281 and 290; or (c) ANTH 225 or SOC 225, and either ANTH 336 or SOC 338.
- III. Elective program—18 hours approved by the ESI coordinator. In consultation with the major advisor, students will design an elective program organized around a theme in Ethics and Social Institutions. No more than 9 of these credit hours may come from any one department. Courses must come from at least three different departments, and at least **14** of the 18 elective hours must be at the 300-level or above.
- IV. Other concentration requirements—Major and oral competencies are met by successful completion of ESI 490 with a grade of C or higher. At least 28 of the total required hours must be taken while a student at UNCA. Students seeking a double major may count only **12** credit hours from the other major toward an ESI concentration. None of a student's credit hours earned for a declared minor can be counted toward an ESI concentration.

Impact: There are only two changes in ESI requirements made in this document:

- 1) In the elective program, allow 4 credit hours to be below the 300-level rather than 3.
- 2) Allow students to count up to 12 credit hours toward a second major rather than 9.

The primary impact is on student flexibility, in light of the change of many department curricula from a 3ch to a 4ch basis. No resource impact.

Rationale: These two curricular requirements were developed when most departments had a 3ch basis for their curriculum, and allowed (1) one class below the 300-level, and (2) three classes toward a second major. Since then, three departments from which many ESI students take courses have changed from a 3ch basis to a 4ch basis for their curriculum (Philosophy, Political Science, and Sociology and Anthropology). The proposed changes are consistent with the original intention of these requirements (one class below the 300-level in the elective program, and no more than three classes usable toward a second major), but allow them to be fulfilled with 4ch courses.